

**Minutes of NZMPTA Council Meeting
30th March 2021 @ 9.00am
Cophorne Hotel, Palmerston North**

Present: Craig Burrows, Gary Reilly, Brian Ebert, Trevor Foley, Darren Main, Paul Dixon & Maria Scott

Apologies: Don Vermeulen, Ross Muggeridge, Claudio Urzua

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Accepted as a true and correct record.

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

Financial Statement: presented and accepted. Approx. combined net position \$170,428

Accounts for Payment: Accounts previously paid and to be paid were tabled and approved.

Council Member Resignation: Don Vermeulen

New Members: Inflex International, Precise Dairy Effluent Ltd - Approved

Withdrawn Members: AsureQuality – no longer have any machine testers

Practising Certificate Approvals: Graham Pask, Opotiki Engineering. Greg Lister, Independent Tester. Sam Houston (ISO), Read Industrial - Approved.

H & S: DeLaval system at training centre being re-fit this week so head hitting hazards will be eliminated.

Training Activity: Milking Block course ran with seven participants. April Testing course will have seven participants. 45 participants signed into ISO online re-training this year – 84 testers in total but progress of getting tests in for marking has been slow – this will pick up as testing season starts.

Apprenticeship Update: We now have 66 active apprentices and 9 more who are considering it. E.O. will do a push for new apprentices.

Plumbers Act Review: MPI have reported that MBIE have acknowledged they need to undertake further work to create a clear demarcation between sanitary plumbing work and other water services that share the same water source while still protecting public health and safety. This work will help to remove a barrier for farm technicians to undertake on-farm reticulation work they are already capable of doing and avoid having to bring on a plumber. E.O. to request contact for person at MBIE and make contact with them to stay informed.

Farm Dairy Effluent Accreditation System: Logan Bowler addressed Council and gave us more detail of what is involved in overseeing the FDE Accreditation & WOF Assessor programmes. He indicated that these programmes will be going through review in the next 12 months (driven by DairyNZ) and the management of these would be up for contract around June 2022. E.O. to advise DairyNZ (Matt Highway) our expression of interest in managing both programmes, and taking this over before the planned review takes place. Farm Source are considering promoting two accredited FDE designer companies as

preferred suppliers to Farmers – E.O. contact James.Aitkinson@fonterra.com to find out more about this.

Communication of ISO changes to public: Nationwide advertising in Dairy NZ, Dairy News & Dairy Exporter will happen in April & May to inform farmers of changes to ISO testing. Flyer has been made available to all Members to circulate to their clients and has also been posted on our webpage & NZ Dairy Association facebook page.

Acceptable Solution for Rural Water Supplies: Have submitted our response to the proposed draft Acceptable Solution for Rural Water Supplies produced by Taumata Arowai (Dept. Internal Affairs) which has many areas of concern, particularly around the only method of filtration discussed being UV.

Skilled Water Tradespeople: First test case is still being assessed and we are awaiting outcome of assessment and feedback on process. There was discussion around if process is too difficult and should be more focussed on demonstrating their knowledge and understanding – perhaps complete a design for a given scenario.

ISO Testing:

Amendments to new ISO testing process are now complete and have been communicated to those testers that have already done the training. Testers are being encouraged to undertake the online IOS re-training now rather than wait.

DeLaval machine tests completed on the VPR200 tester will be accepted for Practising Certificate renewals, however, the Tester must have firstly completed the full MPTA Milking Machine Testing training and / or the MPTA online ISO re-training and send in their initial six correct ISO machine tests for marking in the MPTA test report format. They will then have their MPTA Registered ISO Milking Machine Tester Practising Certificate issued for 2 years and can undertake machine test using the VPR200 unit. The VPR200 tests can then be submitted for renewal of their future Practising Certificates.

Meeting concluded: 12.30pm

Next meeting date: tba in Hamilton

Signed

President.